



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Rhodes**

Serial No.: **09/751,720**

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For: **Secure Gateway Multiple  
Automated Data Storage System  
Sharing**

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Group Art Unit: **2136**

Examiner: **Colin, Carl G.**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 9** of this paper.